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SUBJECT: CCD - ENMOD NEGOTIATIONS: RELATED ITEM IN WEATHER
MODIFICATION

1. THERE FOLLOWS, IN PARA TWO, EXCEPRT FROM STATEMENT

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MADE BY UNEP OFFICIAL PETER S. THACHER AT INFORMAL CCD

SESSION ON ENMOD, 5 APRIL 1976. DEL WOULD APPRECIATE
ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION REGARDING:

(A) CURRENT STATUS OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERT GROUP TO BE
CONVENED TO CONSIDER SUBJECT REPORT;

(B) CURRENT USG POSITION REGARDING THAT PART OF
STATEMENT DEALING WITH DEVELOPMENT OF WEATHER MODIFICATION
TECHNIQUES.

2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. CHAIRMAN, I TURN NOW SOME OF UNEP'S
CURRENT ACTIVITIES WHICH MAY BE RELEVANT.

FIRST, WITH REGARD TO WEATHER MODIFICATION, I HAVE GIVEN
TO THE SECRETARIAT A COPY OF A REPORT OF THE JOINT UNEP/WMO
MEETING OF SCIENTISTS AND LEGAL EXPERTS ON LEGAL ASPECTS
OF WEATHER MODIFICATION WHICH MET AT GENEVA IN NOVEMBER 1975.
PARTICIPANTS AT THAT MEETING CONCLUDED THAT PRESENT KNOWLEDGE
OF WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES IS INADEQUATE TO DETERMINE
THE SCIENTIFIC VALUE OF SUCH ACTIVITIES AS A PREREQUISITE
OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF LEGAL PROVISIONS. HOWEVER, THE MEETING
AGREED ON CERTAIN GENERAL PRINCIPLES EITHER FOR IMMEDIATE
ACCEPTANCE OF FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION. THE NEXT STEP IN
THIS PROCESS WILL BE THE CONVENING OF A GROUP OF EXPERTS
NOMINATED BY GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING BOTH LAWYERS AND SCIENTISTS,
TO CONSIDER THIS REPORT AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON A
DECLARATION OF GENERAL PRINCIPLES WHICH WOULD BE SUBMITTED
TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF UNEP FOR CONSIDERATION, AND
THEREAFTER TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS
FOR ADOPTION. PRINCIPLES ON WHICH THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT
INCLUDE THE STATEMENT THAT:

"THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE IS PART OF THE COMMON HERITAGE
OF MANKIND;"

"ANY TECHNIQUES DEVELOPED TO MODIFY WEATHER SHALL
BE DEDICATED EXCLUSIVELY TO PEACEFUL PURPOSES";

"FURTHER TO THE CONTINUED EXCHANGE OF METEOROLOGICAL
AND RELATED INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WMO
CONVENTION, STATES SHALL FACILITATE THE GATHERING AND
EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON WEATHER MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES
AND SHALL ENSURE THAT SUCH INFORMATION IS MADE AVAILABLE
TO THE WMO AND TO INTERESTED STATES."

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ADDITIONAL PRINCIPLES CALL FOR ADEQUATE AND TIMELY
NOTIFICATION OF PROSPECTIVE MAJOR WEATHER MODIFICATION
ACTIVITIES, FOR THE MONITORING OF THESE ACTIVITIES, FOR TIMELY
CONSULTATION BETWEEN INTERESTED PARTIES, AND FOR THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL REGISTRY OF NATIONAL LAWS ON WEATHER
MODIFICATION. END TEXT

3. COPY OF FULL TEXT AND OF SUBJECT REPORT BEING SENT VIA

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